



STATE OF NEVADA  
**STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION AND  
AMENDMENT OF PERMANENT REGULATIONS OF THE  
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**The State Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on March 25, 2014 commencing at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Director's Office Meeting Room, Suite 1003, 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada.**

**There will be a telephonic connection available for this public hearing. Please call (888) 285-4585, and then enter code 252129 to participate.**

The State Conservation Commission will receive testimony from all interested persons and consider and take action on the following proposed adoption of amendments, additions and deletions to the Nevada Administrative Code pertaining to the State Conservation Commission and the state's numerous Conservation Districts. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the State Conservation Commission may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions:

**1. The Need for and Purpose of the Proposed Permanent Regulations.**

The need and purpose of the proposed permanent regulations are to implement changes in NAC Chapter 548 with regard to changes in administration of grant funding for the Conservation Districts with the addition of the Sage-grouse Competitive Grant Fund, and to set forth and clarify substantive procedural matters for administration of the grant fund.

**2. Terms or Substance of the Proposed Permanent Regulations or Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved.**

First: Adding to and amending NAC Chapter 548, LCB File No. No. R139-13, providing for procedures and methods required by the Commission pertaining to the Sage-grouse Competitive Grant Fund;

Second: Amending the regulation to conform to the changes in administrative procedures pertaining to the grant fund.

**3. Estimated Economic Effect of the Proposed Permanent Regulations on Small Business.**

The proposed permanent regulation has no adverse economic effect on the Commission, the Conservation Districts, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, or the agricultural industry. The regulation has no negative impact on Small Business.

The permanent regulation could have a beneficial economic effect on the Conservation Districts and Small business. The regulation should enable Conservation Districts to perform additional projects related to the sagebrush ecosystem thereby benefiting Sage-grouse. The regulation could benefit Small Business through contracting, purchases and other areas of inclusion in these projects.

Methods used in determining the economic impact on small business included simulation utilizing an impact analysis tool developed by Applied Analysis and through deductions based on this analysis. (See attached copy *Financial Impact Statement for Proposed Regulations Pertaining to the Sage Grouse Habitat Competitive Grant Fund*)

Additionally, requests for input on the economic impact on small business were e-mailed to the Retail Association of Nevada, Governor's Office of Economic Development, Nevada Small Business Development Center, Elko Chamber of Commerce, Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, White Pine Chamber of Commerce, Wells Chamber of Commerce, Pershing County Chamber of Commerce, Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber for Reno and Sparks.

#### **4. Estimated Cost to Agency for Enforcement of Proposed Permanent Regulations.**

The proposed permanent regulation will present no additional cost to the Commission or the Department in administering the new grant program.

#### **5. Regulations of Other State or Local Governmental Agencies which the Proposed Permanent Regulations Overlap or Duplicate and the Necessity Therefore.**

The proposed permanent regulations do not appear to overlap or duplicate regulations of other state or local governmental agencies.

#### **6. Establishment of New Fee or Existing Fee Increase.**

The permanent regulations would not increase any existing fee or create any new fee.

#### **7. Statement pursuant to NRS 233B.064:**

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the State Conservation Commission may appear at the above scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the State Conservation Commission, 201 S. Roop St., Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701. **Written submissions must be received at least one week prior to the above scheduled public hearing.**

A copy of this notice and the proposed permanent regulations to be adopted and amended will be on file at the Nevada State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the proposed permanent regulations to be adopted and amended will be available at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 1003, Carson City, Nevada; Nevada NRCS Office, 1365 Corporate Boulevard, Reno, Nevada; Nevada NRCS Office, 555 West Silver St., Ste. 101, Elko, Nevada; Nevada NRCS Office, 1200 Winnemucca



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Blvd. East, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel

Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. The text of the proposed permanent regulations will include the entire text of any section of the Nevada Administrative Code, which is proposed for amendment or repeal. Copies will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if deemed necessary.

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Members of the public who are disabled and require accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the State Conservation Commission in writing or by calling 775-684-8600 no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

Notice has been posted at the following locations: The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, Nevada. Notice was mailed to each County Public Library for posting.

Notice has been emailed for posting at the following locations: Nevada NRCS, 1365 Corporate Boulevard, Reno, Nevada; Nevada NRCS, 555 West Silver St., Ste. 101, Elko, Nevada; Nevada NRCS, 1200 Winnemucca Blvd East, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Notice has been posted at the Conservation Districts Program website:  
<http://dcnr.nv.gov/conservation-district-program>